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E-Legislative Update

March 25 – 31, 2013



March 25th marks the beginning of the eleventh week of the legislative session. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development

as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW](#)'s Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Early Learning & K-12 Education

03/25/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 1

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1472](#) - Providing initiatives to improve and expand access to computer science education.

Higher Education**03/26/13 9:00 am**

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5195](#) - Allowing nonprofit institutions recognized by the state of Washington to be eligible to participate in the state need grant program.

Higher Education**03/26/13 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 3

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESHB 1247](#) - Modifying job skills program provisions.
2. [HB 1683](#) - Authorizing recognition of institutions of postsecondary study in order to retain federal financial aid eligibility.

Education**03/29/13 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5114](#) - Regarding access to K-12 campuses for occupational or educational information.

Health and Human Services**Health Care****03/25/13 10:00 am**

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 4

J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SHB 1499](#) - Concerning the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly.
2. [E2SHB 1727](#) - Raising licensure limits to allow assisted living facilities to serve a higher acuity resident population.

Human Services & Corrections

03/25/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [E2SHB 1522](#) - Improving behavioral health services provided to adults in Washington state.

Health Care

03/26/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1795](#) - Concerning the scope and costs of the diabetes epidemic in Washington.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

03/26/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [E2SHB 1563](#) - Concerning the disposition of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

Economic Development

Business & Financial Services

03/27/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm B

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [ESSB 5312](#) - Authorizing small consumer installment loans.

Government Operations & Elections

03/28/13 10:00 am

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm E

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5679](#) - Improving the business climate and stimulating job creation by requiring certain agencies to establish a formal review process of existing rules.

Commerce & Labor

03/29/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 4

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1001](#) - Concerning beer and wine theater licenses.

Misc

Governmental Operations

03/26/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 2

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1413](#) - Enacting the Washington voting rights act of 2013.

Information is current as of: March 22, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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